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### INSTREAM FLOW STUDY REPORT FOR RUSH AND LEE VINING CREEKS IN THE MONO LAKE BASIN

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) received an Instream Flow Study Report (Report) for Rush and Lee Vining Creeks in the Mono Lake Basin from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) on August 6, 2009. The Report was prepared by State Water Board approved stream scientists who oversee the implementation of the stream monitoring program in the Mono Lake Basin. Order 98-05 directs the scientists to evaluate and make recommendations based on the results of the monitoring program.

The Rush and Lee Vining Creeks Instream Flow Study was designed to quantify adult trout holding and foraging microhabitat areas over a range of test flows and to assess trout microhabitat areas in conjunction with water temperature, fish passage, and riffle hydraulics. The scientists have provided a discussion of instream flow needs in the report based on the study results and assessment. The stream scientists will use the results of the Report in conjunction with fisheries, hydrologic, geomorphic, and riparian vegetation data collected over the past ten years to prepare final instream flow recommendations for the streams.

LADWP distributed copies of the Instream Flow Study Report to interested parties on August 6, 2009. The Report can be found on the Division's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/mono\\_lake/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/mono_lake/). Additional related reports, which are also on the Division's website include: (1) Temperature-Flow Report for Rush and Lee Vining Creeks and (2) the Rush Creek Radio Telemetry-Movement Study Report.

The Division is requesting that anyone interested in filing comments do so within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Brown at (916) 323-1847 or at [gbrown@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gbrown@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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